

From lands that see the sun arise Caelius Sedulius, 5th Century (A solis ortus cardine)

From lands that see the sun arise to earth's remotest boundaries,
the Virgin-born today we sing, the Son of Mary, Christ the King.

Blest Author of this earthly frame, To take a servant's form he came,
That, liberating flesh by flesh, Whom he had made might live afresh.

In that chaste parent's holy womb, Celestial grace hath found its home:
And she, as earthly bride unknown, Yet calls that Offspring blest her own.

That Son, that royal Son she bore, Whom Gabriel's voice had told afore;
Whom, in his Mother yet concealed, The Infant Baptist had revealed.

All honour, laud and glory be, O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet, To Father and to Paraclete.

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